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STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF SHADWELL STABLE'S SHEIKH HAMDAN

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, March 24, 2021) – The following is a statement from Churchill Downs Racetrack President Mike Anderson on the passing of prominent Thoroughbred owner and breeder Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum, who has died at the age of 75.

“Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum’s lifelong passion to compete at the highest level on an international stage was epitomized by Invador, who won the 2006 Breeders’ Cup Classic at Churchill Downs to clinch Horse of the Year honors. His legacy and famed royal blue and white-striped silks will be fondly remembered by Thoroughbred racing and breeding fans around the world. On behalf of the entire Churchill Downs family, we extend our deepest sympathies to Sheikh Hamdan’s family and friends and the entire Shadwell Stable team.”

– Churchill Downs Racetrack President Mike Anderson.

ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK

Churchill Downs Racetrack (“CDRT”), the world’s most legendary racetrack, has been the home of The Kentucky Derby, the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States, since 1875. Located in Louisville, CDRT features a series of themed race days during Derby Week, including the Kentucky Oaks, and conducts Thoroughbred horse racing during three race meets in the Spring, September, and the Fall. CDRT is located on 175 acres and has a one-mile dirt track, a 7/8-mile turf track, a stabling area, and provides seating for approximately 60,000 guests. The saddling paddock and the stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate 1,400 horses and a 114-room dormitory for backstretch personnel. CDRT also has a year-round simulcast wagering facility. www.ChurchillDowns.com.

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